

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Shinji Ohnishi : Examiner: Ilwoo Park
Appln. No.: 10/733,362) : Group Art Unit: 2182
Filed: December 12, 2003) : Confirmation No.: 8698
For: CONTROL APPARATUS AND METHOD) :
THEREOF : October 24, 2007

Mail Stop Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated September 21, 2007, in the above-referenced application. The Issue Fee is due on or before December 21, 2007, and is being paid concurrently herewith.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Reasons for Allowance set forth in the September 21, 2007 Notice of Allowability on the grounds that whereas the Reasons refer to “transmitting a second request for a status of a digital video apparatus upon not receiving within a predetermined time a notification information of changing a status of the apparatus within the predetermined time”, “transmitting a second request for a cause of an error of a digital video apparatus upon not receiving within a predetermined time a notification information of changing a status of the apparatus within the predetermined time”, “receiving a second request for a status of a digital

video apparatus upon not transmitting within a predetermined time a notification information of changing a status of the apparatus within the predetermined time”, and “receiving a second request for a cause of an error of a digital video apparatus upon not transmitting within a predetermined time a notification information of changing a status of the apparatus within the predetermined time”, the claims instead recite (a) transmitting, if the notification information cannot be received before the lapse of the predetermined time, a second request for requesting information representative of the status of the digital video apparatus to the digital video apparatus (Claims 1 and 5); (b) transmitting, if the notification information cannot be received before the lapse of the predetermined time, a second request for requesting information representative of a cause of an error occurred at the digital video apparatus to the digital video apparatus (Claims 9 and 13); (c) receiving, from the control apparatus, a second request for requesting information representative of the status of the digital video apparatus if the notification information cannot be transmitted before the lapse of the predetermined time (Claim 17); and (d) receiving, from the control apparatus, a second request for requesting information representative of a cause of an error occurred at the digital video apparatus if the notification information cannot be transmitted before the lapse of the predetermined time (Claim 21).

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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